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JOINT PROJECT WITH ISRAEL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Agricultural Research Institute had undertaken ajoint project with Israel on Poly-House Technology for development of exotic varieties of roses, lilies and cucumber;

(b) if so, details of the work done so far on the project; and

(c) the time by which the development varieties are likely to be made available to the farmers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) has a joint `Indo-Israel Project on Research and Development and Demonstratioı Farm` with the following objectives:

- Establishing a demonstration farm for commercial agriculture adopting high technological level, with the aim to transfer the know-how mainly to the farmers.

- To demonstrate new cropping methods and technologies that have been established by research work at IARI and in Israel. Advanced technological methods, which shall be transferred from Israel will be adapted to the local conditions and implemented by the demonstration farm.

Thus, basically it is a project on the demonstration of poly-house technology. The project does not aim to develop exotic varieties of rose, lilies and cucumber.

(b) & (c) Some varieties of rose, lilies and cucumber have been imported from Israel and grown to demonstrate poly-house technology. It is not intended at present to multiply the seed/cutting of these varieties for distribution to the farmers.